

# Basketball Newsletter November 2016

Officials please take a chance to help a younger official out this year. One goal of the NHSOA is to help younger officials get started and get down the right path. Do not be afraid to take a beginner to a game with you so they can sit in on your pre-game, watch you work, and sit in on a post-game. We challenge you to help others get better.

Please make sure that your crew goes through a pre-game. This can and will eliminate problems or circumstances that may arise in the game. The pre-game is especially important before the first game of the season since everyone involved, your crew, coaches and the teams you are officiating, are all participating in something that they haven't done in a while. Communication amongst your crew is a must along with coaches, players and site personnel. There is a pre-game sheet on the NHSOA and NSAA website that can be downloaded for you and your crew. Professionalism is needed from the time you walk on the court until the time you leave after the clock has expired. The biggest challenge officials have is to maintain focus for the entire game. If needed, during timeouts get together and talk (make sure it is something big enough at the time).

Conducting a post-game is also very important. It is a perfect time to evaluate yourself and your crewmembers. For example crews can break-down situations that arose during the game. Face it, we will make some mistakes on the court, but by mentally preparing yourself with a pre and post-game we can eliminate a lot of mistakes. We all want to become better officials, and by challenging yourself each night you work to try to improve on one part of your game you can accomplish this goal!

## 2016-17 Basketball Rules Changes

1. **Rule 1-20** Non-playing personnel, e.g., spirit participants, media, shall remain outside of the playing area during a 30-second or less time-out during the game. Non-playing personnel shall stand outside the free throw lane lines extended toward the sidelines throughout the game.

2. **Rule 2-12-5** Sound a warning signal to begin the 15 seconds (maximum) permitted for replacing a disqualified or injured player, or for a player directed to leave the game.
3. **Rule 3-5-6** Undershirts shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they shall be the same length.
4. **Rule 3-5-7** Removed the compression shorts rule; add compression shorts to Rule 3-5-3 which means compression shorts now must meet the guidelines outlined in this rule.
5. **Rule 9-1-3h** Players occupying marked free-throw lane line spaces may not enter the free-throw semicircle until the ball touches the ring or until the free throw ends.

#### Points of Emphasis

1. **Technical Fouls** Check the Technical-Foul Penalty Summary on Page 71 in Rules Book for specific examples of each.  
**Administrative** - Count as team fouls and the head coach does not lose the coaching box.  
**Player** - Counts as a player foul, counts as a team foul, and the head coach does not lose the coaching box.  
**Bench** - Counts as team foul and the head coach loses the coaching box.
2. **Acknowledging and Granting Time-outs.** When a ball is live, player control is required. A player or the head coach of the team in possession by request and be granted a time-out. When the ball is dead all officials must maintain its coverage areas but must be aware of the opportunity for a head coach to request a time-out. The request can be oral or visual, but must be verified by the ruling official. If the request meets criteria, a time-out should be granted.
3. **Replacing a Disqualified or Injured Player.** The time for replacement has been changed to 15 seconds.  
**Disqualified Player** The ruling official shall report the foul to the official scorer and then notify the coach that the player has been disqualified. This starts the 15-second replacement interval.  
**Injured Player** Allow the coach or medical personnel to attend to the injured player first. The 15-second replacement interval begins after the coach is able to resume coaching duties.

4. **Protecting the Free-Throw Shooter.** `On release of the ball by the player attempting the free throw, the defender "boxing out" shall not cross the free-throw line into the semicircle until the ball contacts the ring. Contact and displacement of the free thrower is illegal and shall be enforced.
5. **Post Play.** The following are considered illegal contact on a post player and should be ruled a foul.
  1. An arm-bar is extended and displaces.
  2. Displacement occurs from a locked and/or extended elbow.
  3. A leg or knee is used in the rear of an opponent to hold or displace.
  4. An offensive post player "backs-down" and displaces the leg or body of the defender.
  5. The offensive post player holds, hooks or displaces the leg or body of the defender.
  6. An opponent is displaced from a legally established or obtained position.

**Dates to remember:**

December 7-12, 2016 Part Two Test Open

December 16, 2016 Post-Season Application Due

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